

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 22, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the Benton Consolidated High School Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, Marci Glover, and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Lyndsey Moore, Faculty Member; Pepsi Representatives; and Duane Williams, Community Member.

4. DECLARATION OF CANVASS RESULTS FROM ELECTION AUTHORITY The election results were presented.

5. ADJOURN BOARD OF EDUCATION SINE DIE Robin LaBuwi made the motion to adjourn the Board of Education Sine Die. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

6. SEAT NEW BOARD MEMBERS-OATH OF OFFICE Mitch Bennett, administered the oath of office to Marci Glover, Robin LaBuwi, and Mark Minor.

7. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

8. ROLL CALL Board members present: Mitch Bennett, Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, Marci Glover, Kenny Irvin, Robin LaBuwi, and Mark Minor.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Lyndsey Moore, Faculty Member; Pepsi Representatives; and Duane Williams, Community Member.

9. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE Mitch Bennett made a motion to appoint Mark Minor as president pro tempore. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE Robin LaBuwi made a motion to appoint Mitch Bennett as secretary pro tempore. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President: Mark Dyel nominated Marci Glover for President. Robin LaBuwi nominated Mark Minor for President. Nominations were closed. Upon a roll call vote for Marci Glover for President, members voted as follows: Kenny Irvin-no, Robin LaBuwi-no, Mark Minor-yes, Mitch Bennett-no, Shane Cockrum-no, Mark Dyel-yes, and Marci Glover-no. Upon a roll call vote for Mark Minor for President, members voted as follows: Kenny Irvin-yes, Robin LaBuwi-yes, Mark Minor-Abstain, Mitch Bennett-yes, Shane Cockrum-yes, Mark Dyel-no, and Marci Glover-yes. Mark Minor is elected Board President.

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Election of Vice-President: Shane Cockrum nominated Mark Dyel for Vice-President. Kenny Irvin nominated Robin LaBuwi for Vice-President. Nominations were closed. Upon a roll call vote for Mark Dyel for Vice-President, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi-no, Mark Minor-no, Mitch Bennett-no, Shane Cockrum-yes, Mark Dyel-no, Marci Glover-no, and Kenny Irvin-no. Upon a roll call vote for Robin LaBuwi for Vice-President, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi-yes, Mark Minor-yes, Mitch Bennett-yes, Shane Cockrum-no, Mark Dyel-yes, Marci Glover-yes, and Kenny Irvin-yes. Robin LaBuwi is elected Vice-President.

Election of Secretary: Kenny Irvin nominated Mitch Bennett for Secretary. Hearing no further nominations, Mitch Bennett was elected Secretary by acclamation.

12. APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON SPECIAL EDUCATION

GOVERNING BOARD Robin LaBuwi made a motion to appoint Mark Minor as the representative to the Franklin-Jefferson County Special Education Governing Board. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

13. REVIEW/APPROVE BOARD MEETING TIMES/DATES Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the board meeting times and dates as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of the meeting times and dates has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

14. DESIGNATE BANKS OF DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS Robin LaBuwi made a motion to designate People's National Bank as the depository for district funds. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

15. REVIEW/APPROVE TREASURER AND BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY STIPENDS

Shane Cockrum made a motion to establish a base of \$2,500 for the board treasurer stipend and the board recording secretary stipend, and increase the stipends annually by the same % as the increase on the base in the teacher contract. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

16. APPOINT TREASURER AND BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY Mitch Bennett made a motion to appoint Ronda Suver as the board treasurer and the board recording secretary. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

17.2 Collective Negotiation Matters

Executive Session – Mitch Bennett made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, and Collective Negotiation Matters. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:26 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:21 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

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Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Lyndsey Moore, Faculty Member; and Duane Williams, Community Member.

18. CONSENT AGENDA

18.1 Approve Minutes:

(a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2021

(b) Executive Board Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2021

18.2 Approve Financial Report (March 2021)

18.3 Approve Payment of Bills (March 2021)

18.4 Review/Approve Annual IHSA Membership

18.5 Approve Band Trip to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN

18.6 Approve Girls Golf Trip to Top Golf in Chesterfield, MO

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried.

19. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Building project update
- Potential summer projects
- Property tax appeal by CVS

Mr. Thomas provided end of year dates/times for events as well as details concerning graduation.

20. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Robin LaBuwi exited the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

21. OLD BUSINESS

22. NEW BUSINESS

22.1 Assignment of Personnel Mitch Bennett made a motion to assign Vanessa Sneed to the Musical Set/Construction position for spring 2021. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to accept Vanessa Sneed's resignation from speech coach. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to accept Kady Lampley's resignation from assistant speech coach. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Brent McLain as a volunteer boys track coach for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Brian Sipe as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

22.2 Employment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion to employ Kristin Petrowske as a FACS teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

22.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the following positions as available for summer 2021 as needed: part-time secretary, behind the wheel driver's education teachers, student maintenance workers. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

22.4 Review/Approve QNS Network Upgrade Proposal Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the QNS Technology Upgrade as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

22.5 Review/Approve SY2021-2022 Calendar Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 calendar as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – no, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of this calendar has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

22.6 Review/Approve Purchase of Utility Truck

22.7 Review/Approve Beverage Contract Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Beverage Contract with Pepsi as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this contract has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

22.8 Review/Approve Proposal for District Extra-Curricular Dead Week Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the proposal to declare July 2, 2021 through July 5, 2021 as “dead” for all extra-curricular activities. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

22.9 Review/Approve Advanced Placement/Honors English Placement Procedures Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the advanced placement/honors English placement procedures as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

23. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Kenny Irvin suggested selling water at graduation.

24. ADJOURNMENT Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY